4. M/s. Amar Dyeing Works (Regd.), 66, Veer Nagar, New Delhi-110007.
5. M/s. Midland Fruit and Vegetables (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
6. M/s. Panipat Cooperative Sugars Mills (Distillery Unit), Panipat, Haryana.
7. M/s. Simbhaoli Sugar Mills, Simbhaoli, Ghaziabad.
8. M/s. Simbhaoli Sugar Mills (Distillery), Simbhaoli, Ghaziabad.

[Translation]

Ownership Right to Tendu Leaf Workers

1700. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued any districtives to the State Governments to give ownership rights to the people belonging to Scheduld Caste, Scheduld Tribe, Backward Classes and Weaker Sections who are engaged in collecting tendu leaf and other small forest produce in the forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any comments from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d). The Ministry of Welfare has not issued any directives to State Governments regarding ownership rights to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Backward Class and Weaker Sections engaged in collecting tendu leaf and other small forest produce in the forests. Pursuant to action on Common Minimum Programme of Dalit Manifesto, the matter is under examination, in consultation with the State Governments.

Increase in Price of Phosphatic Fertilizers

1701. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether farmers have been facing great difficulty due to increase in the prices of phosphatic fertilizers at the time of sowing of rabi season crops;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to help the farmers; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). Consequent upon the decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers in August 1992, the prices of these fertilizers had gone up steeply. Immediately after the decontrol, a concession of Rs. 1000 was introduced per tonnes of DAP and MOP; Rs. 340 per tonne of SSP and Rs. 435-999 for various grades of complexes to cushion the impact of rise in prices. Realising that this concession was not sufficient, Government on 6.7.96 effected increase in concession from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 3000 per tonne of indigenous DAP, from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 per tonne of HOP, from a range of Rs. 435-999 to a range of Rs. 1304-2633 for various grades of complexes and from Rs. 340 to Rs. 500 per tonne of SSP. At the same time a concession of Rs. 1500 was also extended to imported DAP.

[English]

Terrorism

1702. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are seized of reports that fundamentalist and extremist groups from foreign country operate in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon to prevent operation of such groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Such groups can be broadly classified into Sikh extremists, Kashmiri militants, Sri Lankan Tamil terrorists and Islamic fundamentalists.

(c) State Police authorities and other security agencies are sensitised to closely monitor the activities of all foreign sponsored fundamentalists/terrorist organisations, neutralise their offensive and contain the foreign inspired mischief. All available intelligence input is shared with the concerned State Police authorities to activate counter terrorist measures. For this purpose, regular meetings with intelligence officials of the States affected by terrorism are convened.

Rice Production Scheme in Bihar

1703. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts of Bihar included under the Special Rice Production Scheme;

(b) whether any specific assistance has been provided to the farmers of the State under the said Scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c). The Special Rice Production Programme (SRPP) was in operation in Bihar from 1985-86 to 1989-90. Under SRPP, Central funds to tune of Rs. 27.28 crores were